

Submission
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REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 17 and 18 are pending. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner commented that the claims are not commensurate in scope with the arguments or the declaration previously filed, except for claim 11. A further declaration of Masaru Nishinaka is submitted herewith with additional data. An executed declaration will follow as soon as it is received by the undersigned attorney.

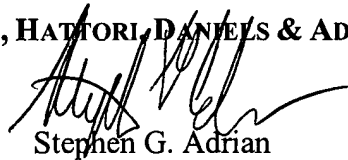
The declaration provides additional results with respect to forming a conductor layer directly on a thermoplastic polyimide surface by vacuum vapor deposition and by ion plating. The peel strength associated with these methods is similarly unexpectedly increased as compared with when no heating is performed.

Accordingly, the presently pending claims are commensurate in scope with the evidence now of record. Prompt and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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